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1. OVERSEAS, DEA ACTIVITIES SHOULD SUPPORT US NARCOTICS POLICY, ASSIST OTHER COUNTRIES IN EFFORTS TO INTERDICT THE FLOW OF ILLICIT DRUGS DESTINED FOR THE UNITED STATES, AND BE CONSISTENT WITH AND SUPPORTIVE OF OUR OVERALL OBJECTIVES AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT ROLE OF DEA IN TURKEY MEETS THESE CRITERIA.

2. AT PRESENT, DEA PROVIDES ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT TO THE TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE (TNP). IT ALSO IS SEEKING TO ESTABLISH REGULAR AND ACTIVE INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND HAS OFFERED TO PROGIDE POLICE TRAINING. BECAUSE OF LIMITED RECEPTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE TURKS, DEA ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED. NEVERTHELESS, DEA MAINTAINS CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH LOCAL POLICE AND IS CURRENTLY DISCUSSING THE DETAILS OF A JOINT PROGRAM WITH THE TNP TO IDENTIFY MAJOR TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS. MOST DEA ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY ARE SELF-INITIATED, AND DEA ENCOURAGES AGGRESSIVE  
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ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS BY THE TNP.

3. WITH ONE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT DEA, IN ITS COOPERATIVE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS, HAS NOT BEEN PLACED IN THE POSITION OF APPEARING TO WORK AT CROSS PURPOSES WITH THE WELFARE AND PROTECTION FUNCTIONS OF THE CONSULAR SECTIONS. WITHIN THE MISSION, DEA UTILIZES SOME RESOURCES

BUT HAS NOT VIGOGOUSLY CULTIVATED OTHERS, IN PART BECAUSE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US INDICATES TURKEY IS NOT A CURRENT SOURCE OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS REACHING THE UNITED STATES. DEA OFFICERS HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSY. THEY INFORM US OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND ARE RESPONSIVE TO GUIDANCE. WE KNOW OF NO INCIDENTS CONTRADICTING THE GUIDELINES FOR DEA OVERSEAS OPERATIONS.

4. WHILE DEA RELATIONS WITH LOCAL POLICE ARE GOOD, THESE OFFICIALS HAVE LIMITED JURISIDCTION AND ABILITY TO ASSIST IN OPERATIONS AGAINST MAJOR TRAFFICKERS. UNTIL RECENTLY, RELATIONS WITH THE NATIONAL LEVEL TNP WERE NOT GOOD BECAUSE ITS LEADERSHIP WAS UNWILLING TO ACKNOWLEDGE A NEED TO COOPERATE WITH DEA. HOWEVER, THE NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR HAS MADE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT ONE OF THIS TOP POLICE PRIORITIES, AND THE NEWLY APPOINTED NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF STRIKES US AS A DYNAMIC INDIVIDUAL. HE HAS ALREADY TOLD DEA OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT LEVEL OF DEA RESOURCES IN TURKEY IS ADEQUATE FOR ITS MISSION AND APPROPRIATELY UTILIZED. THESE RESOURCES ARE TARGETED AGAINST THE MAJOR IDENTIFIED TRAFFICKING NETWORKS, AND WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING ATTITUDES IN THE TNP, WE EXPECT THEM TO BE USED MORE IN COMING MONTHS. BECAUSE LOCAL CONDITIONS HAVE RECENTLY PREVENTED DEA'S BEING AS ACTIVE AS IT DESIRES, WE  
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CANNOT CONFIDENTLY ASSESS THE REACTION OF THE GOT SHOULD DEA WITHDRAW ITS ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT. HOWEVER, WITH INCREASING REPORTS OF TURKISH TRAFFICKED HEROIN IN EUROPE AND ONE REPORTED CASE IN THE UNITED STATES, WE FEEL THAT AN INTELLIGENCE AND ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITY IN TURKEY REMAINS IMPORTANT.  
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